Amendments to the Specification:

Page 2, amend the paragraph beginning on line 9 to read as follows:

Fig. 20A is a schematic front elevational view showing an example of a structure of a combustion apparatus such as a boiler or the like, and Fig. 20B is a schematic side elevational view of the combustion apparatus. Three stages of burners 2 and one stage of air port (hereinafter, refer to as an after air port (AAP) because the air port exists in a back flow side of a gas flow as seen from the burner) are attached in the furnace defined and formed by a water wall 1 so as to face to each other in four rows. In order to supply the combustion air to each of the burners 2 and the AAP 3, a wind box 4 for burner and a wind box 5 for AAP are respectively placed. The burner 2 executes a combustion in which an air ratio (air amount supplied to the burner/theoretical amount of air) is about 0.8. In other words, the NOx generation can be lowered by executing the combustion in which the air is slightly short in comparison with the air amount (the theoretical air amount theoretically required for a complete combustion of the fuel). However, since a rate of the unburned fuel (hereinafter, refer to as an unburned combustible) is inversely increased, the complete combustion is executed by injecting a shortfall air by the AAP 3 in the back flow side.